

Page 1, delete lines 10 to 12, and insert --hot pressing (unconfined sintering under pressure) is discussed in German Published Patent Application Nos. 37 34 274 and 36 06 403, in which the parent substance contains Si_3N_4 and the metal silicide MoSi_2 , and in European Patent Application No. 0 335 382, in which the parent substance contains Si_3N_4 and MO_5Si_3 as the metal silicide--.

Page 1, line 13, change "containing" to --contains--.

Page 1, line 15, change "The" to --It is believed that the--.

Page 1, line 16, change ". The" to --, and that the--.

Page 1, delete line 20, and insert --German Published Patent Application No. 195 00 832, i.e., European Patent Application No. 0 721 925, discusses the--.

Page 1, line 24, change "are preferably" to --may be--.

Page 2, delete line 3.

Page 2, before line 5, insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 5, change "The object of" to --An object of an exemplary embodiment of--.

Page 2, delete line 11, and insert --in an exemplary method, where Me_5Si_3 is--.

Page 2, line 18, change "The inventors discovered a way to" to --To--.

Page 2, line 20, change "properties. They" to --properties, it was--.

Page 2, line 22, change "they found" to --it was found that there is--.

A3 Page 2, delete line 24, and insert --finished composite material. In this manner,
composite materials were fabricated--.

Page 2, line 27, change "method" to --exemplary method--.

Page 2, line 29, change "exhibit" to --are believed to--.

Page 2, line 31, change "It is not critical when the" to --The--.

Page 3, delete lines 3 to 18, and insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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Figure 1 shows in a diagram, with respect to a sintering temperature, the logarithm of the lower and upper limit values of the N_2 partial pressures, applicable in the method of the exemplary embodiment according to the present invention, for fabricating a composite material containing Mo_5Si_3 .

Figure 2 shows in another diagram, with respect to the sintering temperature, the logarithm of the lower and upper limit values of the N_2 partial pressures, applicable in the method of the exemplary embodiment according to the present invention, for fabricating a composite material containing Nb_5Si_3 --.

Page 3, before line 20, insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--

Page 3, line 21, change ", in fact," to --believed to be--.

Page 3, line 22, change "may" to --suitably appropriate--.

Page 3, line 25, change "- in" to --(in--.

N/E Page 3, line 26, change "- preferably -" to --, which may be done--.